Hi, Everyone! FYI: several national Portfolio Events coming up in June are listed below in the Virtual Event Listings section. If you are actively revising your portfolio and wish to take advantage of any of these learning opportunities, please enroll BEFORE the last week of May.

The new website will go live by the end of the month and not ALL registration portals may be available at that time.

In the meantime, below are several site links - along with valuable information about creating a showcase portfolio.

Tips from Debbie Ridpath Ohi & Others
(Information from the current SCBWI Website)

When putting together your portfolio, make sure you include a sequence of images that show that you can tell a story through illustration, plus show that you can maintain consistency in how you draw a character or characters.

Most illustrators can come up with great-looking standalone images; the challenge is to show editors, art directors and agents that you would be able to illustrate a picture book. I made this mistake in my first portfolio and it’s one of the most frequent beginner mistakes I’ve seen when critiquing portfolios. Remember that it’s not just about the art; it’s also showing that you understand visual narrative and pacing.

Go to your local indie bookstore or bookstore and read lots of good picture books!

Here are some excellent articles from SCBWI Portfolio Showcase winners:

- A Few Thoughts On Editing Your Portfolio – by Andrea Offermann
- Portfolio Comparison: What Made An SCBWI Winner – by Eliza Wheeler
- Mentee Portfolio vs Grand Prize Winner Portfolio – by Juana Martinez-Neale

May 2023 Featured Oregon Illustrators

Neely Daggett
Margaux Meganck

Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrators

Visit the Feature Page to learn about Neely and Margaux.
Join us for the Oregon SCBWI Picnic! - July 22, 10am

Let's get together! Bring work to share! Meet other kid lit artists and join us at the Illustrator table for craft conversations, feedback, and fun!

SCBWI Opportunities - May-June 2023

SCBWI DRAW THIS MAY PROMPT:
GENERATIONS
Post your illustrations to SCBWI Twitter - https://twitter.com/scbwi and Instagram Accounts: https://www.instagram.com/scbwi/
Follow the posts and hashtags #scbwidrawthis so you can see what everyone posts each month! Use hashtags #scbwidrawthis and #scbwiillustrators when you upload your work.

Click below to visit the AWARDS and GRANTS page.

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Awards & Grants

Curated SCBWI Virtual Event Listings
- National Illustrator Spring highlights below.

IF YOU PLAN TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE DO SO NOW.
Work For Hire
A Work For Hire Panel

May 17, 2023 - Zoom

Work For Hire

May Fest
San Diego One-Day Conference

May 20, 2023 - Zoom

May Fest

Illustrator as Designer:
JOHN HENDRIX, Book Jackets, Visual Storytelling and Hand-Drawn Lettering

May 22, 2023

John Hendrix

Portfolio Palooza
Eastern PA Free Webinar with Author-Illustrator Dow Phumiruk

June 6, 2023 - Zoom

Palooza

Portfolio Development
Beyond the Picture Book with Klutz Publisher & Creative Director Netta Rabin

June 7, 7-8pm - Zoom

Portfolio Development

5-minute Pitch with Agent & Editor via ZOOM

June 10, 10:30am-12pm

5-Minute Pitch

Portfolio Webinar with Tugeau 2 Art & Literary Agency

June 15, 7:30am-8:30pm
Enjoy these Summer Days, Everyone!

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Here are Quick Links to essential SCBWI Resources, just for you!